RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Has the principle laid down in the answer been observed in all cases in which exemption has been granted in the Science and the Arts Colleges except the one case relating to the backward community referred to by the member?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir. I believe so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the reason for prescribing special rules in the Government Colleges?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider it necessary to prescribe these rules in the interests of the country and in the interests of the Colleges themselves.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how the interests of the country and the interests of the Colleges are intended to be served by these restrictions?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider it necessary, Sir, to discourage students, who do not possess even average capacity, from proceeding to higher education.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) Have they felt that this is an effective way of discouraging students from studying in the Colleges?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is the most effective way Government have in their power.

Collection of fees in Schools and Colleges.

141. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether fees in Government English Schools and Colleges are collected in British coins or State coins;

(*b*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that some English grant-in-aid schools are collecting fees in British coins; and

(*c*) whether they have permitted any school in the State to collect fees in British coins?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Both.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question is not clear.

Government holdings in the Government of India Securities.

142. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of their holdings in the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. non-terminable Government of India Securities as at the commencement of the current year (1111) and to state whether any portion has since been converted into other securities?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government hold Government of India Securities of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Loan of 1879 (non-terminable) for Rs. 14,91,100. No part of it has been converted into other securities.

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MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I ask whether this type of security has appreciated considerably in value during the last one year?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether it is not desirable to convert these securities into securities of a more stable nature?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is proposed to sell the securities next year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the price now?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Finanical Secretary to Government*): It varies between Rs. 99 and Rs. 100. One hundred is the peak figure it has attained recently.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether it is an interest-bearing security and if so what is the rate of interest?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes; three and a half per cent.

Motor Bus Service.

143. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average number of motor buses and passengers that arrive and depart from the motor stand at the Cantonment, Trivandrum, on each day;

(*b*) whether any convenience is provided for the passengers to wait as is provided at the Boat Jetties at Ernakulam, Cochin, Alleppey and Quilon;

(*c*) the income out of the motor vehicles to the State; and

(*d*) the income out of the motor boats to the State?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) 123 and 1911, respectively.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) As the period for which the member seeks information is not specified, it is not possible to give an answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What arrangements have been made for the convenience of the passengers at the Cantonment, Trivandrum?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The Bus Companies have their own sheds and garages and the passengers are accommodated there.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government have made any arrangements for the purpose?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government consider it necessary in the interests of passengers to make some arrangements in the Cantonment?

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